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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-34 are amended. Claims 31-34 are pending.

Claim 31 recites a check processing apparatus comprising an image capture transport including (i) an image capture device for capturing images of physical checks, and (ii) means for providing information relating to physical checks which have been processed at the image capture transport, an encoding transport including a magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) encoder for encoding MICR codelines onto physical checks, a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the image capture transport, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from the image capture transport, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages, a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical checks which have been processed at the image capture transport, and (ii) allowing the physical receptacle along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the encoding transport, and an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the physical receptacle when the physical receptacle along with the physical checks contained therein are physically transported from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the encoding transport.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a check processing apparatus comprising an image capture transport including (i) an image capture device for capturing images of physical checks, and (ii) means for providing

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information relating to physical checks which have been processed at the image capture transport, an encoding transport including a magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) encoder for encoding MICR codelines onto physical checks, a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the image capture transport, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from the image capture transport, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages, a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical checks which have been processed at the image capture transport, and (ii) allowing the physical receptacle along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the encoding transport, and an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the physical receptacle when the physical receptacle along with the physical checks contained therein are physically transported from the image capture transport to the encoding transport for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the encoding transport. Thus, claim 31 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 32 recites a check processing apparatus comprising a first check processing station including (i) a reader for reading magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) codelines of physical checks, (ii) means for providing information relating to physical checks which have been processed, and (iii) a physical display for displaying information which relates to at least some of the physical checks which have been processed, a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the first check processing station, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from

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the first check processing station, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages, a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical checks which have been processed at the first check processing station, and (ii) allowing the physical receptacle along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the first check processing station to a second check processing station for further processing of the physical checks at the second check processing station, and an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display of the electronic label to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the physical receptacle so that the information which relates to the at least some of the physical checks which have been processed at the first check processing station can be viewed on either the physical display of the electronic label or the physical display of the first check processing station.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a check processing apparatus comprising a first check processing station including (i) a reader for reading magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) codelines of physical checks, (ii) means for providing information relating to physical checks which have been processed, and (iii) a physical display for displaying information which relates to at least some of the physical checks which have been processed, a communication interface including (i) means for receiving information provided by the first check processing station, (ii) means for providing electronic messages based upon information received from the first check processing station, and (iii) means for wirelessly transmitting the electronic messages, a physical receptacle for (i) containing physical checks which have been processed at the first check processing station, and (ii) allowing the physical receptacle along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the first check processing station to a second check processing station for further processing of the physical checks at the second check processing station, and an electronic label affixed to the physical receptacle and

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including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from the communication interface, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display of the electronic label to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the physical receptacle so that the information which relates to the at least some of the physical checks which have been processed at the first check processing station can be viewed on either the physical display of the electronic label or the physical display of the first check processing station. Thus, claim 32 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 33 recites a check processing apparatus for enabling an operator to physically transport physical checks from a first check processing station which sorts physical checks into a plurality of physical sorting locations and which provides information relating to sorted physical checks to a second check processing station which encodes magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) codelines onto physical checks. The check processing apparatus comprises a plurality of physical check document trays for (i) containing physical checks which have been sorted into the plurality of physical sorting locations at the first check processing station, (ii) allowing physical checks to be physically moved from each of the plurality of physical sorting locations into a corresponding one of the plurality of physical check document trays, and (iii) allowing the plurality of physical check document trays along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the first check processing station to the second check processing station for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the second check processing station, and a plurality of electronic labels associated with the plurality of physical check document trays such that each of the plurality of electronic labels is affixed to a corresponding one of the plurality of physical check document trays, each of the plurality of electronic labels including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from a communication interface which receives

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information provided by at least the first check processing station and which provides electronic messages based upon information received from the first check processing station, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the corresponding physical check document tray.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a check processing apparatus for enabling an operator to physically transport physical checks from a first check processing station which sorts physical checks into a plurality of physical sorting locations and which provides information relating to sorted physical checks to a second check processing station which encodes magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) codelines onto physical checks, wherein the check processing apparatus comprises a plurality of physical check document trays for (i) containing physical checks which have been sorted into the plurality of physical sorting locations at the first check processing station, (ii) allowing physical checks to be physically moved from each of the plurality of physical sorting locations into a corresponding one of the plurality of physical check document trays, and (iii) allowing the plurality of physical check document trays along with physical checks contained therein to be physically transported from the first check processing station to the second check processing station for encoding MICR codelines onto the physical checks at the second check processing station, and a plurality of electronic labels associated with the plurality of physical check document trays such that each of the plurality of electronic labels is affixed to a corresponding one of the plurality of physical check document trays, each of the plurality of electronic labels including (i) a physical display for displaying a visual message, (ii) communication circuitry for receiving electronic messages which have been wirelessly transmitted from a communication interface which receives information provided by at least the first check processing station and which provides electronic messages based upon information received from the first check processing station, and (iii) control circuitry for causing the physical display to display a visual message which is based upon at least one electronic message received wirelessly from the communication interface to provide visual

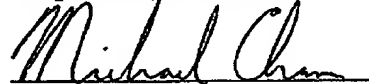
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information which relates to at least some of the physical checks contained in the corresponding physical check document tray. Thus, claim 33 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 34 depends from claim 33 and is allowable for the reasons claim 33 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 34 further recites that each of the plurality of electronic labels has a unique address. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 34 in combination with the structure recited in claim 33. Thus, claim 34 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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